



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 2000

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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MICHIGAN, East

MIZ047-053>055

Midland - Saginaw - Tuscola - Sanilac

12 1700EST
13 1100EST

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Heavy Snow

A clipper low pressure system strengthened rapidly as it moved from the upper Mississippi Valley across the Great Lakes. Heavy snow occurred in parts of southeast Michigan ahead of the low, mainly in the Saginaw Valley and Thumb regions. Snowfall amounts were as high as 10 inches in Marlette, and 8 inches in Caro and Cass City. Seven inches fell east of Pleasant Valley, southwest of Crosswell, and near Tri-Cities International Airport in Freeland. A newspaper reported as much as ten inches of snow near Forestville and Richmondville. In addition, gusty winds around the deepening low pressure system resulted in considerable drifting snow.

MIZ082

Lenawee

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Snow

A low pressure system moved east across the Ohio Valley on the night of the 19th, reaching the Mid-Atlantic coast on the 20th. This system produced up to 5 inches of snow across much of lower Michigan. An auto accident on US 223 in northwest Lenawee County claimed the life of a 37-year-old woman, who lost control of her vehicle on the slushy highway and crashed into a truck.

MIZ049-055

Huron - Sanilac

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27 1500EST

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Heavy Snow

A major winter storm along the East Coast brought arctic air south from Canada. Snow showers and squalls developed as this cold air crossed the Great Lakes. The lake effect snow from Lake Huron came onshore into the Thumb area, and a north wind kept these snow showers going for two days. The majority of the snow fell in the first 24 hours. Snowfall amounts were highest in Huron County, with 10 inches in Bad Axe, Filion, and Port Austin, and 8 inches in Port Hope. The cold north wind produced snow drifts as high as two feet. Eight inches of snow fell in Port Sanilac in Sanilac County, with 6 inches in Brown City.

On the 27th, a pick-up truck was unable to stop at a train crossing near Tyre due to slippery road conditions. The truck was struck broadside by an oncoming train, killing a female passenger. Several other accidents occurred during the snow event, producing at least three injuries.